

Arlington Cultural Council Minutes  
Monday, July 11, 2016  
Arlington Senior Center, 7:00pm\*

\*Meeting scheduled from 7-9pm to allow extra time for discussing the website

Present: Suzi Lubar, Lauren Richmond, Brigitte Buehler-Probst, Lisbet Taylor, Karin Blum, Jeff Timperi, Merli Guerra

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

### **ITEM 1 Approval of June Minutes**

The June minutes were unanimously approved

### **ITEM 2 Website feedback for mock-ups**

Overall, members of the council were happy with the draft layout for the website that Lauren presented. She is planning to use a WordPress template and the main page will be an image with menus at the top and a one line description of the council in the center. Jeff T advised Lauren to keep the website simple since, someone else will have to maintain it in the future. Lauren's next step will be to gather and organize the content from the current website. Lisbet volunteered to edit member bios if they are included. Lauren needs to be made an admin; Merli will take care of it. Lauren will give an update at the next meeting.

### **ITEM 3 Annual Treasurer's Report to Council**

Jeff T presented council members with a spreadsheet showing what grants have currently been paid and what is still outstanding. The council originally allocated itself \$300 for expenses. With the fee for a Town Day booth on top of earlier expenses, this amount will be used up. The council is allowed to allocate 5% of the \$12,200 received from the MCC for expenses, so Jeff T will look into increasing the \$300 using the grant turned down by Yogi Shridhare. The status of 2016 grants is listed below.

<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Liaison</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>2016-01</b>	<b>Of the Shimmering Winter Air (Opal Ensemble) \$750</b>	<b>Suzi Lubar</b>	RFP paid
<b>2016-02</b>	<b>Arlington All-Town Brass Band (Dan Fox) \$750</b>	<b>Jeff Timperi</b>	Jeff joined the band. Band performed at A-Town jazz Fest, Feast of the East In addition to Town Night. Event scheduled for 9/16.

<b>2016-03</b>	<b>Family Festival</b> (Belmont World Film) <b>\$750</b>	<b>Karin Blum</b>	RFP paid
<b>2016-04</b>	<b>East Arlington Public Art Initiative</b> (Arlington Public Art) <b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Lisbet Taylor</b>	Multiple pop up events planned need to clarify which is under the grant.
<b>2016-05</b>	<b>Tap &amp; Blues</b> (Weber & O'Herin) <b>\$500</b>	<b>Merli Guerra</b>	On track for 8/13/16
<b>2016-06</b>	<b>From India to Walden Pond</b> (Yogi Shridhare) <b>\$500</b>	<b>Lisbet Taylor</b>	Turned down partial funding
<b>2016-07</b>	<b>Music To Cure MS</b> (Marion Leeds Carroll) <b>\$500</b>	<b>Merli Guerra</b>	On track for 10/30/16
<b>2016-08</b>	<b>Dancing Through the Decades</b> (Dance Caliente) <b>\$750</b>	<b>Brigitte Buehler-Probst</b>	On track for 7/14/16
<b>2016-10</b>	<b>Arlington Author Salon</b> (Robbins Library) <b>\$1,500</b>	<b>Brigitte Buehler-Probst</b>	Two sessions completed, two more in July and October
<b>2016-11</b>	<b>LGBTQ Youth Arts &amp; Mural Project</b> (ACA) <b>\$1,500</b>	<b>Lauren Richmond</b>	Project complete, Lauren will on check on RFP
<b>2016-12</b>	<b>Connecting Threads Exhibition</b> (Arlington Historical Soc.) <b>\$1,375</b>	<b>Suzi Lubar</b>	Project complete, Suzi will check on RFP
<b>2016-18</b>	<b>New Printed Interpretive</b> (Dallin Art Museum) <b>\$600</b>	<b>Lauren Richmond</b>	Lauren will check on status
<b>2016-19</b>	<b>Performance at OSM and Dallin Museum</b> (Creek River String Band) <b>\$300</b>	<b>Jeff Timperi</b>	Performances scheduled for July and September
<b>2016-20</b>	<b>Memoir Writing/Reading</b> (Pamela Powell) <b>\$600</b>	<b>Karin Blum</b>	RFP received
<b>2016-21</b>	<b>Music by the Undertones</b> (Old Schwamb Mill) <b>\$375</b>	<b>Jeff Boudreau</b>	RFP paid
<b>2016-22</b>	<b>Musical Storytelling Program</b> (Powers Music School) <b>\$250</b>	<b>Lisbet Taylor</b>	RFP paid
<b>2016-24</b>	<b>Teen Publication</b> (Marble Collection) <b>\$200</b>	<b>Karin Blum</b>	RFP paid

#### **ITEM 4 Grant cycle**

Grant applications are due on Monday 10/17/16 by 5pm, and are to be submitted online. Lauren will put information about the new grant cycle on the current website. Lisbet volunteered to update the grant guidelines for this year. She also offered to run the information session to be held on Tuesday 7/20 from 7-8:30pm. Merli will also try to attend.

Dates discussed for grant presentations were 11/8-11/9, from 7-8:30pm. However, the council is discussing moving them earlier so that grant deliberations could be held earlier. This would be helpful since Merli is not available the weekend of 11/12. Suzi will send out a poll to determine dates, and will reserve meeting rooms once dates are set.

### **ITEM 5 Guidelines review and approval vote**

Merli made the changes discussed at the June meeting. The council also decided to change membership restrictions to allow members to be 16 or older rather than adult. Lisbet abstained, and all other members present voted to approve the new version.

### **ITEM 6 Discuss ACC's potential role in the creation of the Cultural District**

Karin reported that she has been in touch with Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, who, along with Barbara Costa, is co-chair of ACAC. Their July meeting was canceled due to scheduling conflicts. ACAC would like an ACC member to attend their August meeting. Karin will check on the date. Jeff T will try to attend. If no one can attend, the council agreed that we should get together with them another time, perhaps with APA as well.

### **ITEM 7 Town Day Planning update**

Merli submitted the Town Day booth application. Liaisons should ask their grantees for materials. Suzi will ask Eliza to borrow the canopy again. Council members will sign up for time slots at the August meeting.

### **ITEM 8. Membership/Co-chair role as Karin's term ends and Nilou resigns**

Nilou has resigned due to work commitments. Karin's term is ending in August, and Lisbet is interested in becoming co-chair for the remainder of this year. If this occurs, the council will need a new corresponding secretary. Merli and Lisbet will talk about the co-chair positioning before the next meeting.

### **ITEM 9 New Business**

Merli suggested that the council fund some sort of community event series next year. Karin thinks we would apply for separate funding from MCC. Merli will look into it.

### **Upcoming Events**

- July 14 – Dance Caliente, 1-2:15
- Aug 10, Monthly meeting, Sr. Center
- Aug 13 - Stefanie Weber, 7pm
- Sept 1 – LCC applications open online
- Sept 12 – Monthly meeting, Senior Center
- Sept. 16 - Dan Fox
- Sept. 17 - Arlington Town Day
- Sept 20 – Grant Info session, 7-8:30pm
- Oct 17 – Grant applications due by 5pm
- Oct. 30, Music to Cure MS, 3-5pm